

Otis R. Bowen Photographs

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Biographical Note:

Dr. Otis R. Bowen was born February 26, 1918 near Leiters Ford, Indiana. He was educated in the public education system of Fulton County in Indiana. He received both his A.B. and M.D. degrees from Indiana University. He married Elizabeth "Beth" Ann Steinmann in 1939. He served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army Medical Correspond during World War II and left the army with the rank of Captain.

In 1952, Dr. Bowen entered the world of politics with his election as the coroner of Marshall County, Indiana. He also served as a Republican in the Indiana House of Representatives for 14 years. In 1972, Dr. Otis R. Bowen was elected as the 42nd Governor of Indiana. In 1976, he was reelected governor and became the first Indiana governor to serve eight consecutive years. In January 1981, just as his term was ending, his wife, Beth passed away after a long battle with illness.

Following the end of his governorship, Dr. Bowen took over as head of a family practice at the Indiana University Medical School. In the fall of 1981, he married Rose Hochstetler. 1985 brought a new political appointment, he was appointed to President Reagan's cabinet as the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. In 1989, Dr. Bowen retired to Bremen, Indiana with his wife, Rose, who died in 1992. He married Carol Hahn in 1992. He died on May 4, 2013 in Donaldson, Indiana and is buried in the Bremen Municipal Cemetery.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection consists of photographs taken mainly during Dr. Otis R. Bowen's time as Indiana governor. There are some photographs that predate his 1972 election. However, in the scope of the entire collection, these photographs are few. The photographs instead depict his gubernatorial career, covering instances of him swearing people into their offices, Republican Party functions, as well as campaigning events.

These photographs encompass the dates from 1949 until 1979. There are some photographs that are not dated; however, it is likely that these pictures fall within the same time period.

There are some notable people within this photograph collection. There are photographs of Gerald Ford (Box 1, Folder 11 & Box 6, Folder 3), George H.W. Bush (Box 4, Folder 16), Robert J. Dole (Box 6, Folder 7) and Sen. Richard Lugar (throughout the collection).

Box and Folder Listing:

Box 1.

1. Photographs, 1949-1952 and 1954 (19 photos)
2. Cornbread Conference, April 1971 (69 photos, 1 envelope of 6 negatives)
3. NATO Conference on Cities, May 25-28, 1971 (71 photos, 1 envelope of 30 negatives)
4. Buckley Dinner and General Assembly Demonstrations, June 1971 (20 photos)
5. Photographs, 1972 (56 photos)
6. Photographs, January- February 1973 (19 photos)
7. Photographs, April-June 1973 (59 photos, 1 envelope of 20 negatives)
8. Photographs, 1973, July- August (28 photos, envelope 1: 3 negatives, envelope 2: 4 negatives, envelope 3: 6 negatives)
9. Photographs, 1973, November-December and no month (52 photos, envelope 1: 4 negatives, envelope 2: 23 negatives, envelope 3: 1 negative, envelope 4: 5 negatives, 2 photocopies of photos, 2 empty photo shop envelopes)
10. Photographs, 1974, March and May (43 photos, envelope 1: 4 negatives, envelope 2: 10 negatives, envelope 3: 3 negatives, envelope 4: 4 negatives)
11. Photographs, 1974, June (Gerald Ford) (29 photos, 2 photocopies)
12. Photographs, 1975, April (34 photos)
13. Photographs, 1975, May (30 photos)
14. Photographs, 1975, May (38 photos)

Box 2.

1. 1975, June (27 photos)
2. 1975, June (37 photos)
3. 1975, July (23 photos)
4. 1975, August (41 photos)
5. 1975, September (28 photos)
6. 1975, October (29 photos)
7. 1975, November (37 photos)

8. 1975, December (54 photos)
9. 1975, no month (72 photos)
10. 1976, January and February (32 photos)
11. 1976, March and April (32 photos)
12. 1976, May and June (23 photos)
13. 1976, July (37 photos)

Box 3.

1. 1976, September (31 photos)
2. 1976, September (31 photos)
3. 1976, October and December (22 photos)
4. 1976, no month (41 photos)
5. 1976, no month (49 photos)
6. 1976, no month (46 photos)
7. 1976 and 1977; Hoosier Scramble (75 photos, 1 envelope of 11 negatives)
8. 1977, January (18 photos)
9. 1977, February (41 photos)
10. 1977, March and April (60 photos)
11. 1977, May (32 photos)
12. 1977, June and July (36 photos)
13. 1977, August (28 photos)
14. 1977, September, October and November (17 photos)
15. 1977, December and no month (73 photos, 1 envelope of 14 negatives)
16. 1977; Women's Federation Convention (WFC) (81 photos, 1 envelope of 37 negatives)

Box 4.

1. 1978, January (6 photos)
2. 1978, February (15 photos)
3. 1978, March, April, and May (17 photos)
4. 1978, June (27 photos)
5. 1978, July and August (15 photos)
6. 1978, September, October, and November (18 photos)
7. 1978, December (23 photos)
8. 1978, no month (24 photos, 1 envelope of 7 negatives)
9. 1979, January, February and March (25 photos)
10. 1979, April (37 photos)
11. 1979, May (19 photos)
12. 1979, June, July, August and September (30 photos)
13. 1979, October (31 photos)
14. 1979, December and no month (38 photos)
15. 1970s, exact date unknown (28 photos)
16. Bush, George Herbert Walker (11 photos)

Box 5.

1. C & D (31 photos, 1 envelope of 12 negatives)
2. Contact Pictures (43 photos)
3. Contact Pictures (41 photos)
4. Former State Candidates and Officers (48 photos, envelope 1: 1 negative, envelope 2: 1 negative, envelope 3: 1 negative)
5. GOP State Committee; Staff and Co. Chairman (37 photos, 20 negatives)
6. Legislators and Judges (19 photos)
7. Lugar/Intern Staff, Eddy Steers, Sr., and Dave Tudor (22 photos)
8. Negatives (24 negatives)
9. Portraits, A-C (26 photos)
10. Portraits, D-G (41 photos)
11. Portraits, H-K (33 photos, 1 negative)
12. Portraits, L-M (37 photos)
13. Portraits, N-T (49 photos)
14. Portraits, V-Y (16 photos)

Box 6.

1. Portraits, unidentified (28 photos, 1 negative)
 2. Portraits, unidentified (26 photos)
 3. Out-of-State GOP (Gerald Ford) (16 photos, 1 negative)
 4. Republican News Photos (24 photos)
 5. Statehouse Officials and Candidates (29 photos, 1 slide)
 6. Statehouse Officials and Candidates (20 photos)
 7. Vigo County National Chairman Reception (Robert J. Dole) (31 photos, 8 negatives)
 8. Miscellaneous-1 (45 photos, 1 negative)
 9. Miscellaneous-2 (39 photos)
 10. Miscellaneous-3 (82 photos, 17 negatives)
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Collection Information:

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